

CAN HE STAND IT?

Mr. Train Much Weaker on the Ninth Day of His Fast.

His Physician, Dr. Miller, Tells Him He Must Stop.

Still the Citizen Sage Says He Will Keep It Up.

George Francis Train still fasts. The ninth day, one for each of the masses.

"How do you feel to-day?" said THE EVENING WORLD young man.

It was evident before he answered that Psycho did not feel quite up to his usual high-water mark. The bronzed skin had a cast of color, the kindling gray eye kindled as if it were wet, and there was a droop to the robust personality in which the buttonhole seemed to participate.

"The similar change usually to a tired Harshel's face, adding up to it for company."

"I feel seedy and much weaker," was the vocal acknowledgment of Psycho, which confirmed the mute testimony of his hardy physiognomy.

"The weather has dulled me. But I told you it would rain during the Centennial, and it's begun. I'm glad I'm weakening because I should be tempted to hear of a crowd to tear down the scaffolding that the Boodle's Four Hundred have put up."

The reporter broke in on this Centennial talk to ask the hungry citizen about his pulse. He put out his hand with child-like simplicity to have the number taken. It was twenty.

"I didn't lose anything at my bath last night. The head rubber these told me that victly would take the bad taste out of my mouth and give me two glasses of it. It did. I am afraid my stomach is going. Dr. Miller wants me to stop my fast. He's frightened."

"And will you keep on?"

"Keep on? Certainly. I'm hypnotized to do it and can't help it."

"What hypnotized you?" asked the reporter.

"Don't know. I don't believe in God or devil, but there is something that guides me."

"How do you know you are fasting?" inquired THE EVENING WORLD man.

"You're only my word for it," replied Psycho at 60. "But my honor has never been questioned," he added, proudly.

"There is the seventeen pounds loss of flesh too, which looks like fasting. Everybody knows me and I go nowhere. If I did eat wouldn't somebody know it?"

"What will you do to-day?" asked the reporter, as the rain flapped dismally against the window.

"Stay in here and sleep," said the sage. "I don't sleep as well since I fasted. The weather takes too much electricity out of me and I am too weak to stand it."

TRAGIC DASH FOR LIBERTY.

TWO HART'S ISLAND PRISONERS LOST IN THE RASH ATTEMPT.

A full report of the bold attempt of seven prisoners to escape from the workhouse on Hart's Island was received in this city to-day.

The escape was made at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Five of the fugitives returned, but the others trusted themselves in a small skiff, and in all probability were lost, as the wind was blowing a gale at the time, and a heavy rain-storm was lashing the sound into a fury.

The seven men who made the dash for liberty were John Farrell, Thomas Doyle, James Martin, Frank Donnelly, each of whom were serving a six-month sentence; Charles Smith, a three-months' prisoner; George Crosby, of 146 Kief street, Brooklyn, who was committed for six months by Judge Forman; and Edward J. Clowe, of 518 East Fifty-second street, who was serving out a sentence of five months and sixteen days imposed by Police Justice White.

Crosby and Clowe are the two prisoners who have not been heard from, and it is pretty certain that they went to the bottom of the Sound.

Clowe was a tough man and the sentence he was serving was an unexpired term on Blackwell's Island, from whence he had escaped some time ago and was recaptured.

The prison on Hart's Island is a branch workhouse, in which prisoners sentenced for misdemeanors are confined.

The escape must have been carefully planned. The men were confined in Barracks No. 1. At midnight, Thursday, when the weather was their regular time, they found everything all right, and two hours afterwards the men escaped.

It was pouring rain at the time and the winds howled dully around the institutions, but in spite of the weather, the prisoners, because the prisoners thought the keepers would be off their guard, they made their bold attempt to flee.

They escaped by saving the bars at the windows of the building.

Farrell, Doyle, Martin, Donnelly and Smith made a break for the dock, where the guard post was tied up, and all except Smith jumped into it.

The latter had weakened and ran back to the building. In the mean time the keepers, alarmed by the cries of the other two prisoners who had broken out, went to the window where Smith, of the Linnatic Asylum, kept his skin, rushed out in time to catch the other four.

The keepers jumped into the guard-house and put out after the skiff, but the heavy storm forced them back and they lost sight of the fugitives.

The last seen of them they had taken the oars and were pulling for City Island, three-quarters of a mile distant, but in the condition they were in and the high storm it is considered impossible for them to make the trip. Their cries for help were heard, but they were out of sight.

The keepers remained on the water until 5.30 o'clock in the morning, but could discover no trace of the boat or the escaped prisoners.

The news in breaking their way to liberty were made of ordinary kitchen knives.

The Day in Wall Street.

Stocks were strong but there was little disposition to trade as the Stock and Commodity Exchanges will remain closed from noon to-day until Thursday morning next.

The banks have gained \$1,340,300 in surplus reserve, and now hold \$13,426,950 in excess of lawful requirements. The following are the comparative figures:

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